

FW: State information

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Regarding your question yesterday, below is the response from officials.

(FYI – *RMM Canada* is an open source communications social group at GAC. Established to look at FI)

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In answer to PM question on Russian media:

RRM Canada has not seen any evidence to suggest that Russia Today (RT) or Russian state or state aligned media more generally are the primary media outlets reporting on the trucker protests in Canada.

- While RRM Canada has observed Russian state and state aligned media amplifying narratives critical of the Prime Minister and the government's handling of the protest, we have seen even more of this activity from **s.38** state and state aligned media. We assess that Russian information operations are focussed on the Russia/Ukraine crisis at this time.
- Ultimately, the majority of online content appears to derive from domestic and transnational non-state actors, including ideologically motivated (IM), conspiratorial, and COVID disinformation communities, as well as average users.
- RRM Canada has observed a moderate level of content from RT and Sputnik on the

trucker protests, but there is no indication that the content has received high levels of engagement. RT stories could appear to be publishing more on the truckers protests because RT and Sputnik outlets publish in over 50 languages.

- For example, RRM Canada monitors a list of approximately 100 Twitter accounts that regularly produce, retweet, or otherwise interact with content associated or aligned with Russian state media like RT. These accounts were responsible for only a small fraction of the overall discussion of the trucker protests on Twitter.
- RRM Canada notes that Russian State media broadcaster RT has provided a platform for Canadian voices critical of the government and supportive of protestors, most notably MP Randy Hillier. However, the above accounts have not made an real effort to amplify this content.

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